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FREE FORUM ON "COURTS AND ADR" SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 9

A free public forum on court-based alternative dispute resolution (ADR) will be held on Monday, February 9, from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Supreme Court Conference Room, 417 S. King Street, Second Floor.

Donna Stienstra, a senior researcher from the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C., will present an analysis of court-based alternative dispute resolution (ADR) from a national perspective. She will be speaking about why and how courts are providing ADR services and how well those services are being provided.

Stienstra has been studying and writing about ADR since the early 1990s when the use of ADR began to expand in the federal courts. She is knowledgeable about court-based ADR not only from the empirical studies she has conducted but also from extensive consulting with courts in the United States and other countries.

This event is sponsored by the Hawai`i State Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, U.S. District Court for Hawai`i, Mediation Center of the Pacific, and University of Hawai`i's Program on Conflict Resolution. Call the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution at 539-4ADR (4237) to reserve a seat, for more information, or to request disability-related accommodations.

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